
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

**PROPOSED SUB A's FOR S-2434, S-2435, S-2735, & S-2740 HAVE BEEN ADDED
S-2745 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 2022

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 310 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2277](#)

BY Sosnowski, DiMario, Picard, F Lombardi, Felag, Lombardo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT ACT OF 2017 {LC4661/1} (Provides that the members of the board of the Block Island Utility Commission be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/08/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2432](#)

BY Sosnowski, DiPalma, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS--DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC4657/1} (Amends how credit bureaus doing business in Rhode Island may disclose to inquiring users of credit reports by requiring that in addition to the social security number, the name matches the identity of the person who is the subject of the inquiry.)

03/01/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/24/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2434](#)

BY Lombardo, F Lombardi, Ciccone, Acosta, Gallo, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CREDIT CARD LENDING {LC4857/1} (Modernizes the Rhode Island credit card lending statute by amending the definition of "credit card plan" to keep up with new technology and online purchasing and expressly allows merchants to continue to assist consumers with digital payment options.)

03/01/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/24/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2435](#)

BY Raptakis, Lombardo, F Lombardi, Murray, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC3330/1} (Reduces the usury rate to twelve percent (12%).)

03/01/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/24/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2735](#)

(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC5341/1} (Amends the total amount of expenses that may be charged to a utility for those expenses related to a commission or division initiated investigation of public utilities with gross intrastate operating revenues exceeding \$400,000,000.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/07/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2737](#)

(Public Utilities Commission)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC5337/1} (Amends the revenue decoupling reconciliation mechanism used by a gas distribution company for the purposes of revenue decoupling to not require that distribution be determined on a revenue-per-customer basis.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/31/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2740](#)

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LABOR STANDARDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS {LC5573/1} (Adds a new chapter known as the Labor Standards in Renewable Energy Projects.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/31/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2745](#)

~~(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)~~

~~BY Goodwin~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES {LC5339/1} (Requires national and state background checks for certain drivers transporting passengers for hire.)~~

~~03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce~~

~~04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~04/07/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~05/13/2022 Scheduled for consideration~~

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2738](#)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS--SURCHARGES ON CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS {LC5575/1} (Provides that surcharges on credit card transactions may only be permitted when certain notice requirements are adhered to and provides for a misdemeanor penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or one year in jail in any violations.)

03/24/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

05/13/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

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{LC4857/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2435 SUB A](#)

{LC3330/A/1}

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